

Our Thanksgiving Crown

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THANKSGIVING CROWN
(Make a large gold crown with six points to it.
Each speaker should have his or her jewel to
place on the crown.)

Title: *Six Jewels in a Crown* (Thanksgiving—Object Sermon).
(For objects see note at end).

TEXT: "He crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies."
Psalm 103:4.

A king's son is called a prince and princes often own crowns which they wear on great occasions. In London, over the sea, in a big stone tower, there is a beautiful crown which belongs to the Prince of Wales. It is made of gold and has many beautiful stones in it. He never wears it but leaves it in a glass case for people to look at. You belong to your heavenly Father and he is a king. Since you are the child of a king you have the right to wear a crown.

Let us play a game for Thanksgiving Day and pretend that you have a crown to wear. A crown is made of gold with jewels in it. Love is better than gold and we can pretend that the love of the heavenly Father for you is the gold of your crown. Even when you are asleep the heavenly Father is loving you all the time. When you get up in the morning and play or go to school, he is loving you although you cannot see him. The Bible gives us a Thanksgiving Day verse to remember, "He crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies." That means that when the heavenly Father loves you, it is like putting a crown on your head.

Emerald, the Jewel of LIFE.

1. A crown has precious stones in it and so has yours. One precious stone in your crown is an emerald. With its rich, dark green it is one of the most costly stones, and this year hundreds of emeralds are being sold at high prices. Emeralds are the color of the grass when the life came back to it last spring. The heavenly Father has given you something more precious than an emerald and that is your life. He has given you your body and your mind. He has sent you to earth, you may be sure, for a purpose, to obey him and do his will. Let us thank him for our bodies, that we are alive.

The Pearl of Purity

2. The second stone is a pearl. The pearl is creamy, white and lovely. It stands for innocence. The Lord God when he made you, made you pure and innocent. When the Lord Jesus was here among men he took a little child in his arms, so pure and innocent, and said that he wanted everyone on earth to be like that. That is the pearl of your crown. There are things that pry pearls out of crowns—bad temper, lies, bad words, cross thoughts. Keep your pearl clean and bright and shining.

Sapphire- the Jewel of LOYALTY

3. The third stone is a blue stone, a sapphire. The sapphire comes from the mines of Ceylon and its dark blue like the sky at night sometimes flashes as if a star were shut up inside it. Blue makes one think of loyalty. We call a loyal person "true blue." You can think of the loyalty of the people of America as a beautiful blue sapphire in your ~~CROWN~~ The Lord put you in this rich country for a purpose, to keep it free from ignorance and badness and to help all the world to be happy.

Topaz- the Jewel of FRIENDSHIP

4. The fourth stone, the topaz, is yellow like the sunshine and stands for one's friends. We can all be thankful for our friends. To have them is better than any topaz that ever was found in a mine.

Ruby- the Jewel of SACRIFICE

5. A ruby is the fifth. It flashes like a drop of blood with a sunbeam inside it and it suggests sacrifice. Some people like rubies best of all. When King Solomon wanted to say that wisdom was one of the best things in the world, he said, "It is more precious than rubies." Since it is the color of blood it makes us think of the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross for

the redemption of the world. It stands for salvation, the forgiveness of sins and the beginning of a new and better ~~ly~~ way of living. It means the overcoming of past mistakes and failures, a clean page, another chance.

As Christ sacrificed his life for us all we must sacrifice for one another lest we lose the ruby from our crown.